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For: REINFORCED COMPOSITE IONIC CONDUCTIVE POLYMER MEMBRANE AND
FUEL CELL ADOPTING THE SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of the listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 & 1.98.

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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3), submission before the mailing date of the first action on the merits.

The foregoing documents came to applicant's attention during the prosecution of their corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached.

An English translation of document DE 19919881 is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 C.F.R. §1.98 and MPEP §609).


Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

CERTIFICATION

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Respectfully submitted,

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